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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED JULY 29, 2004

Sir:

In Response to the Office Action (a Restriction Requirement mailed July 29, 2003), Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group 1, without traverse. The claims of Group 1 are Claims 1-6, 8-21, and 23-33 drawn to the special technical feature of methods of inhibiting angiogenesis and endothelial tube formation comprising administering an isolated Ang-7 polypeptide.

If, in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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